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TENNESSEE'S WEATHER-IMPACTED WHEAT CROP PROJECTIONS RELEASED

NASHVILLE, June 9, 2011 – Tennessee's wheat growers in 2011 had to contend with highly unusual conditions. First, the crop was planted later than usual. Then, storms and floods plagued the crop in the spring. Finally, hot dry weather during crop maturity presented some yield problems. In spite of these conditions, the 2011 winter wheat crop is expected to yield slightly better than the five-year average. Harvest is expected to begin on schedule this week. Tennessee's winter wheat production is projected to total 14.3 million bushels, up 50 percent from a year ago according to a recent survey conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Tennessee Field Office, around June 1. The state's average yield is expected to be 55.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from a year earlier. Tennessee farmers seeded 360,000 acres last fall, up 38 percent from the previous year. Wheat producers expect to harvest 260,000 acres for grain, 80,000 more than a year ago. The remaining 100,000 acres were used as a cover crop, will be harvested for hay or silage, or will be abandoned due to flooding.

United States: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.45 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but 2 percent below 2010. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month but 1.5 bushels less than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.0 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

Winter Wheat: Tennessee, Surrounding States, and U.S., June 1, 2011 with Comparisons¹

State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Arkansas	150	450	54.0	54.0	8,100	24,300
Georgia	125	180	40.0	55.0	5,000	9,900
Kentucky	250	410	66.0	68.0	16,500	27,880
Mississippi	100	300	47.0	60.0	4,700	18,000
Missouri	280	720	45.0	51.0	12,600	36,720
North Carolina	380	630	37.0	61.0	14,060	38,430
TENNESSEE	180	260	53.0	55.0	9,540	14,300
Virginia	160	260	51.0	66.0	8,160	17,160
United States	31,749	32,039	46.8	45.3	1,485,236	1,450,115

¹ 2011 forecast, 2010 final.